



SPCC Happenings



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New Parish Council Members To Serve St. Patrick's

In late January and early February parishioners nominated and then elected three individuals to replace parish council members Joanne Berg, Ben Leynes and Linda Tews whose two-year terms expired this year.

Selected to serve on the parish council were Nancy Balash, Dennis Mills and Jim Shurtliff.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania



NANCY BALASH

Nancy moved to Las Vegas in 1976 after marrying her husband Ted who was a military serviceman with the U.S. Air Force. The couple made Fallon their home in 1986. Nancy has been involved with many of the community's organizations including the Churchill County Museum. She views her position as a member of the parish council as one of listening to the desires and needs of her fellow parishioners and of assisting the group in whatever way she can. Nancy's husband describes her as "a mover and shaker" who looks forward to accomplishing goals. Nancy and Ted are proud of their three adult children and five grandchildren.

Dennis Mills is a native of Fallon and has lived in the Silver State for most of his life (except for four years when he resided in California). A member of St. Pat's since he moved back to Fallon from Gardnerville in 2001, he has volunteered to help with parish activities and continues to serve as a cantor at the church's weekend Masses. This is Dennis' second two-year term as a member of St. Patrick's parish council; he had been elected to the position a number of



DENNIS MILLS

years ago. Dennis believes, as Nancy does, that his role on the parish council is that of being "a sounding board" for parishioners to raise issues of concern to them and providing guidance and support for the pastor's priorities. Dennis and his wife Trudy have five children with two of them attending the University of Nevada, Reno and two planning to get married this summer.

Jim Shurtliff came to Nevada in 1986 from Idaho—where he was born, raised and attended college—in order to accept a job with the Fleet Analysis Center at the Naval Air Station Fallon. He currently works at the Electronic Warfare Range in Dixie Valley. A convert to Catholicism after participating in St. Pat's RCIA program, Jim has been active in the Knights of Columbus Fallon Council 4828 for 19 years and held the offices of Financial Secretary and Grand Knight. He is also deeply involved with the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs including Troop 1776.

"This is the first time that I have been nominated for parish council, so I will



JIM SHURTLIFF

be a rookie," Jim said. "I am looking forward to the opportunity of helping to make important decisions for our parish as we continue to grow in response to the community's growth." The parents of five children, Jim and his wife Monica will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in May. Two daughters are members of St. Pat's, a son and a daughter are attending college out-of-state, and Tim, the youngest of the siblings, is a junior at Oasis Academy.

The other members of the St. Patrick's parish council are: Mary Thomas, Chair; Bob Knoll, Vice Chair; Susan Imelli, Secretary; Alicia Centeno, representing Hispanic parishioners; Paul Loop, appointed by Father Tony Quijano, Jr., St. Pat's pastor; and Rudy McElvain. Parish council meetings are conducted on the last Tuesday of the month in the conference room of the parish hall. Parishioners are always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, beginning at 6 p.m.

Many thanks ♥ to Joanne Berg, Ben Leynes and Linda Tews for their past service on the St. Patrick's parish council! May the Lord bless the efforts of the current parish council and its members!

CSA 2017 Pledge Cards Distributed

Pledge cards for the Catholic Services Appeal 2017 have recently been distributed through the U.S. mail to parishioners within the Diocese of Reno including members of St. Patrick Catholic Church. The theme of this year's campaign calls on the Holy Spirit to *Spark Our Faith and Renew Us In Spirit* so that the important work of the diocese may continue in Communications/Outreach, Family Programs, Vocations/Clergy Support, Evangelization/Formation, and other needs and/or activities. If you have not received a pledge card and desire one, please contact the parish office at 423-2846 or stop by Tues., 1-4 p.m., or Wed.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 noon or 1-4 p.m.



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Terry Barber Captivates, Inspires

On Sat., March 4, in St. Patrick's parish hall, Catholic evangelist Terry Barber informed over 60 parishioners and guests on "How To Share Your Faith With Anyone," the title of his best selling book among Catholic readers.

Based on principles of selling which he learned when he worked in real estate, Barber provided what he described as "the eight laws of effectively sharing the faith" with others:

- Keep it simple.
- Keep the person saying "yes."
- Be enthusiastic.
- Call the person by name.
- Show and then tell.
- Always agree.
- Ask questions.
- Practice virtue.

Barber then explained in detail what each of these laws entails. For example, "always agree" does not mean watering down your message but, rather, remaining positive and not arguing. It might involve repeating the statement made by the other person to make sure you understand what he or she is saying.

Barber also spoke about "the ten commandments of evangelization" to guide a Catholic as he or she shares the faith:

1. Thou shalt pray always.
2. Thou shalt be prepared.
3. Thou shalt be intentional.
4. Thou shalt not get discouraged.
5. Thou shalt stay motivated.
6. Thou shalt be kind.
7. Thou shalt ask questions.
8. Thou shalt admit when thou art wrong.
9. Thou shalt reap what thou shalt sow.
10. Be not afraid.

Once again, Barber described each commandment in full. For example, by intentional, he said it's seizing the opportunities to evangelize when God places you in situations to do so.

Captivating his audience with story after story of his personal experiences of evangelization, Barber inspired his audience and, at the same time, displayed a sense of humor that made his talk highly entertaining.

For more information about Terry Barber, his book, and evangelization, go online and perform a search for "evangelist Terry Barber" to view multiple websites. His book is published by Ignatius Press.



EVENT PARTICIPANTS—More than 60 individuals attended the March 4th presentation of Catholic evangelist Terry Barber when he spoke at St. Patrick's parish hall on "How To Share Your Faith With Anyone." Among those who participated were, pictured above, Lois Price, Judy Scherr and Jackie Ugalde. The event included a potluck lunch with a variety of dishes provided by St. Pat's parishioners.

DATES TO REMEMBER



March 22—Wed.—6 pm—Lenten Penance Service

March 23—Thurs.—6 pm—Parish Hall—*Night at the*

Movies: Pivotal Players—Deacons Carlson and Crooks

March 24—Fri.—Stations of the Cross at 6 pm followed by soup supper in parish hall (provided by Rosary Society and RCIA)

March 25—Sun.—After 8 am Mass—Parish Hall—Gospel Study

March 28—Tues.—6 pm—Parish Hall—Parish Council Meeting

March 31—Fri.—Soup supper at 5:30 pm in parish hall (provided by Knights of Columbus) followed by Living Stations at 7 pm

April 1—Sat.—9 am—In the church—Living Rosary Service

April 9—Sun.—Palm Sunday—Regular Mass times

April 7—Fri.—Stations of the Cross at 6 pm followed by soup supper in parish hall (provided by youth group, Confirmation and CCD students and parents)

April 9—Sun.—9 am—Parish Hall—K of C pancake breakfast

April 13—Thurs.—Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 pm followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose—Church remains open until 9 pm for private prayer and confessions

April 14—Fri.—Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm and Good Friday Service 3 pm—Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm and Good Friday Service 7 pm

April 15—Sat.—Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 pm

April 16—Sun.—Easter Sunday—Regular Mass times